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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE FOR SINGAPORE

1. TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON APPROPRIATIONS ON MARCH 16 HAS BEEN POUCHED.

2. QUESTION POSSIBILITY OF ASSIGNMENT OF AGRICULTURAL
ATTACHE TO SINGAPORE WAS RAISED DURING GOVERNOR KNEIP'S
CONSULTATIONS AT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

3. GOVERNOR KNEIP HAS A STRONG INTEREST IN PROMOTING U.S.
AGRICULTURE SALES ABROAD, BUT IS AWARE OF STRINGENT
CEILINGS ON U.S. PRESENCE IN SINGAPORE.

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4. NO CHANGE IS CONTEMPLATED IN STAFFING AT THIS TIME,
BUT THE ISSUE WILL DOUBTLESS BE ONE THAT THE GOVERNOR
WILL DESIRE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU. HE IS AWARE THAT
SEVERAL MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS ARE PRESENT IN SINGAPORE.

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